

TOPIC Soviet Ammunition Depots

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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Altenhain.

- 25X1C 1. In [REDACTED] 1950, source learned that the ammunition depot at Altenhain (N 52/E 41) contained 96 ammunition storage bunkers, each with a floor space of 80 to 100 square meters and a height of 2.5 meters. The bunkers were square structures and scattered in the woods in the depot area in accordance with safety regulations to prevent an explosion in one bunker from affecting other bunkers. Utility buildings and the filling installations were located in the southern section of the depot area. Two stock record cards found at the depot area on [REDACTED] 1950 were made out for 7.62-mm model 1938 carbines, manufactured in Izhevsk in 1943, belonging to [REDACTED] and examined by Gds Major Matveyev (fnu) and Lieutenant (Tech) Naumov (fnu) on [REDACTED] 1950. (1)

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Hohenleipisch.

- 25X1C 3. In the afternoon of [REDACTED] 1950, a unit of about 150 soldiers under the command of a major was seen practicing in the terrain near the ammunition depot of Hohenleipisch (N 52/A 03). [REDACTED] in the training area. Upon completion of the training, the soldiers marched to their quarters in the ammunition depot. (2)
- 25X1C 4. On [REDACTED] 1950, nine ferroconcrete bunkers, each with a floor space of 16 x 24 meters and a height of 10 meters; and 11 earth bunkers, each with a floor space of 8 x 15 meters and a height of 6 to 8 meters, were observed in the depot area. The unit which was seen practicing on [REDACTED] 1950, was observed to be quartered in a settlement between the town of Hohenleipisch and the ammunition depot. According to civilian

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workers, the buildings adjoining the settlement on the north housed the headquarters and administration of the ammunition depot, garages for motor and horse-drawn vehicles, and officers' mess, a kitchen, and a dispensary. The depot area was strictly guarded by double sentries and guards on watchtowers.

25X1C 5. On [REDACTED] 1950, it was learned that the depot employed 500 to 600 German laborers who filled fixed ammunition, mortar shells, and, recently, also aircraft bombs. The ammunition filled at the depot allegedly included 20-mm and 76.2-mm high-explosive AA shells, 76.2-mm high-explosive and armor-piercing tank shells, and 122-mm mortar shells. The shells were said to be of German and Soviet origin.

6. An informant stated that three boxcars were loaded with crated 122-mm mortar shells at a rate of 20 tons per boxcar on the morning of [REDACTED] 1950. Another boxcar was loaded with 76.2-mm AT shells on [REDACTED] 1950. The ammunition had been filled and prepared at the depot. The consignees could not be determined.

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7. [REDACTED]

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Toepchin.

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25X1C 10. From [REDACTED] 1950, all work crews were employed in loading work. On [REDACTED] four boxcars were loaded with boxes of fixed ammunition, each box containing from 25 to 30 shells of about 30-mm caliber. Ammunition which had been cleaned from [REDACTED] was loaded on [REDACTED] 1950. On [REDACTED] 1950, ammunition boxes weighing about 88 kg each were unloaded. (3) All outgoing shipments were consigned to, and all incoming shipments arrived from Frankfurt/Oder. In addition to the loading work done by German work crews, it was observed that Soviet personnel also did loading work at night.

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Mittenwalde (N 53/2 92) railroad station aboard a train of 7 flatcars and 2 boxcars. The train had been dispatched by [REDACTED] in Fuerstenwalde. The unit left by road toward Toepchin. (2) and (4) 25X1C

- 25X1C3. In the afternoon of [REDACTED] 1950, the same train was boarded by an AAA unit which, according to its own soldiers, had been relieved from emplacements near Toepchin. The train departed for Fuerstenwalde, having shipment-record No 75733. (5) On the afternoon of [REDACTED] 1950, a similar AAA unit [REDACTED] was loaded in Toepchin for shipment to Fuerstenwalde. (4) 25X1C
- 25X1C4. At 3 a.m. on [REDACTED] 1950, 25 boxcars with ammunition, shipment-record No 86/6231, arrived from Frankfurt/Oder for [REDACTED] in Toepchin. (3) 25X1C
- 25X1C At 3 p.m. on [REDACTED] another shipment of 25 boxcars with ammunition, shipment-record No 62/6730, arrived from Frankfurt/Oder, also consigned to [REDACTED] in Toepchin. (6) No incoming shipments of ammunition were observed from [REDACTED] 1950. 25X1C

15. The following shipments of ammunition were dispatched from the depot at Toepchin between [REDACTED]

Date	Number of Boxcars and Shipment-record No	Dispatcher	Receiving Station
[REDACTED]	9 boxcars	25X1C	Roederau
[REDACTED]	9 boxcars 62/6733	[REDACTED]	Finow (7)
[REDACTED]	6 boxcars 62/6739	[REDACTED]	Finow (7)
[REDACTED]	10 boxcars 62/6731	[REDACTED]	Dannenwalde
[REDACTED]	2 boxcars 62/6737	[REDACTED]	Dannenwalde
[REDACTED]	12 boxcars 62/6732	[REDACTED]	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
[REDACTED]	8 boxcars 62/6758	[REDACTED]	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
[REDACTED]	8 boxcars 62/6740	[REDACTED]	Altengrabow
[REDACTED]	17 boxcars 62/6734	[REDACTED]	Altengrabow
[REDACTED]	1 boxcar 62/6741	[REDACTED]	Altenhain
[REDACTED]	11 boxcars 62/6742	[REDACTED]	Chemnitz, main railroad station
[REDACTED]	16 boxcars 62/6735	[REDACTED]	Altenhain
[REDACTED]	16 boxcars 62/6736	[REDACTED]	Rathenow (4)

The loading of ammunition has been done almost exclusively by Soviet soldiers since November 1950, whereas German workmen had been previously assigned to this work. The ammunition was cleaned by a large number of German women.

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Wilmersdorf.

25X1C 16. On [REDACTED] 1950, a shipment of 40 boxcars carrying a total of 600 tons of tank ammunition, manufactured in 1949, arrived at the ammunition depot at Wilmersdorf (N 53/V 32) from Frankfurt/Oder-border. The shipment was
25X1C consigned to [REDACTED]

25X1C 17. No outgoing shipments were observed between [REDACTED] 1950. 25X1C
Shipments of ammunition which were hauled off from Wilmersdorf by two special locomotives on [REDACTED] 1950 included 12 boxcars with 180 tons of artillery ammunition for Jueterbog, shipment-record No 62/6749; 18 boxcars with 270 tons of tank ammunition for Finow, shipment-record No 62/6750; and 20 boxcars with 300 tons of artillery ammunition for Rathenow, shipment-record No 62/6751. Several boxcars for the shipment of high-explosive shells to Altengrabow and Frankfurt/Oder were requested.
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25X1A [REDACTED] Comments.

25X1A (1) The information confirms the large Eighth Gds Army ammunition depot. See
25X1C [REDACTED]. The two stock record cards contain reports on the
25X1A condition of carbines of [REDACTED] (Hq 57 Gds Mtz Rifle Div).
25X1A They possibly belonged to the depot guard. The names of the two officers are known from previous records. See [REDACTED]

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(3) Probably the ammunition train with shipment-record No 86/6231 which was previously reported to have arrived from Brest Litovsk via Frankfurt/Oder.

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(5) Shipment-record No 75733, of the series for troop shipments, is reported for the first time.

25X1C (6) The shipment was reported to have passed through Frankfurt-Oder on [REDACTED] 1950, coming from Brest Litovsk. See [REDACTED] 25X1C

25X1C (7) The shipments were also reported by another source [REDACTED] 25X1C
on [REDACTED] 1950. See [REDACTED] 25X1A

(8) Confirms the ammunition depot at Wilmersdorf which is also known as depot at Lamitsch or Pfaffendorf. See [REDACTED]

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